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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 26, 2006 issued in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Applicant hereby elects Species II (FIGS. 2A-2E) to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-17, 45-47, 50-60, 63, and 64 are readable on Species II.

Claim 1, the only independent claim, is generic.